



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:

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Burlingame, CA 94010

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PROJECT TITLE: Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Digester Improvements Project

PROJECT LOCATION: 1103 Airport Boulevard Burlingame, CA 94010

APPLICANT: City of Burlingame City Hall – 501 Primrose Road Burlingame, CA 94010

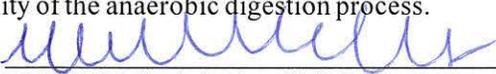
LEAD AGENCY: City of Burlingame City Hall – 501 Primrose Road Burlingame, CA 94010

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Burlingame (City) owns a WWTF with a permitted design flow of 5.5 million gallons per day (mgd) on an average dry weather flow (ADWF) basis. The Plant provides secondary treatment of wastewater and discharges the treated effluent to the North Bayside System Unit force main, which ultimately discharges into Lower San Francisco Bay via a deep-water outfall. The City's WWTP uses anaerobic digestion to stabilize sludge prior to dewatering by a belt filter press or centrifuge before the dewatered sludge is trucked off site to a landfill or land application site for disposal. The existing anaerobic digestion facilities, which include two digesters, a sludge storage tank, and an equipment room, are aging and require replacement to improve the overall performance and reliability of the anaerobic digestion process. Construction of the Proposed Project is planned to start on September 1, 2023 and will take approximately 30 months of continuous work to complete. See attached Figures 1 through 4.

EXEMPT STATUS: The Proposed Project qualifies for a CEQA Exemption under the following *Classes of Exemptions* set forth in Article 19 of the CEQA Guidelines:

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1) for Existing Facilities
- CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 (Class 2) for the Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Facilities
- CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3) for the New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The Proposed Project has been determined to meet the requirements of the exemption(s) selected above and will not have a significant impact on the environment including, but not limited to, biological and cultural resources. The Proposed Project consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structures to be replaced and will have substantially the same purpose, size, and capacity as the structures to be replaced. The Proposed Project also includes limited new construction at the existing WWTF to improve the overall performance and reliability of the anaerobic digestion process.

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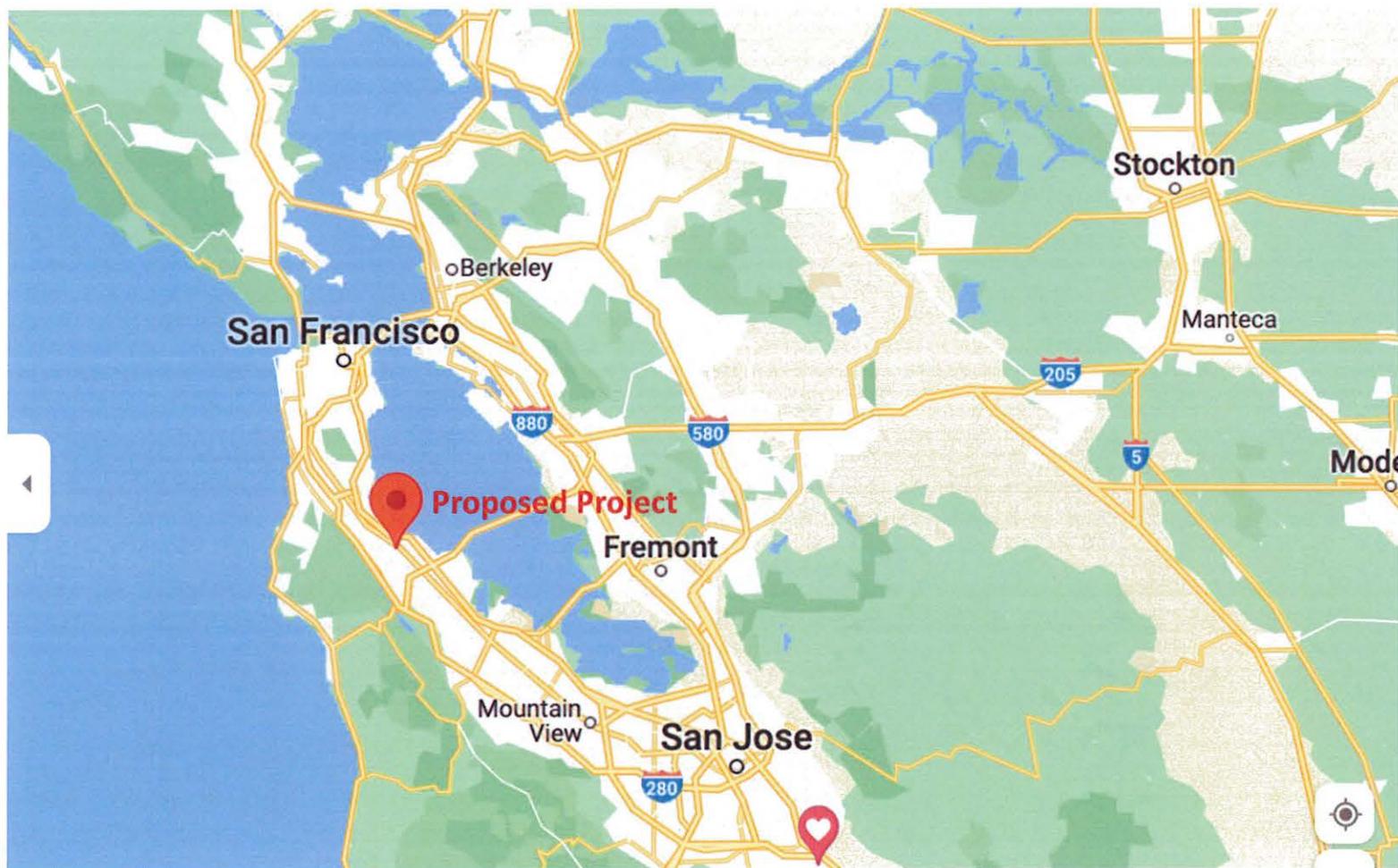


Figure 1
General Location Map
City of Burlingame – 1103 Airport Boulevard

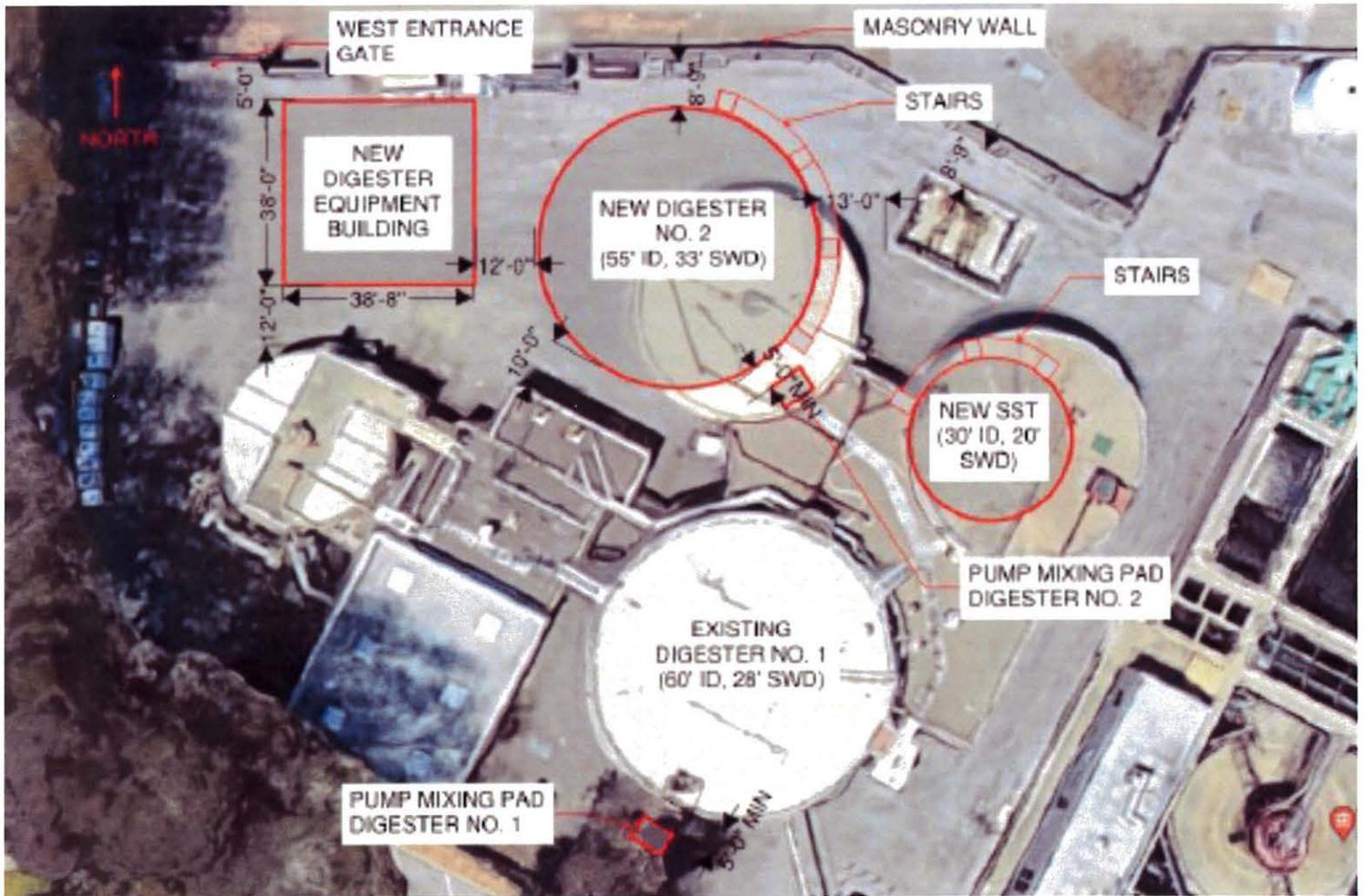


Figure 2
Proposed Project Improvements
City of Burlingame – 1103 Airport Boulevard

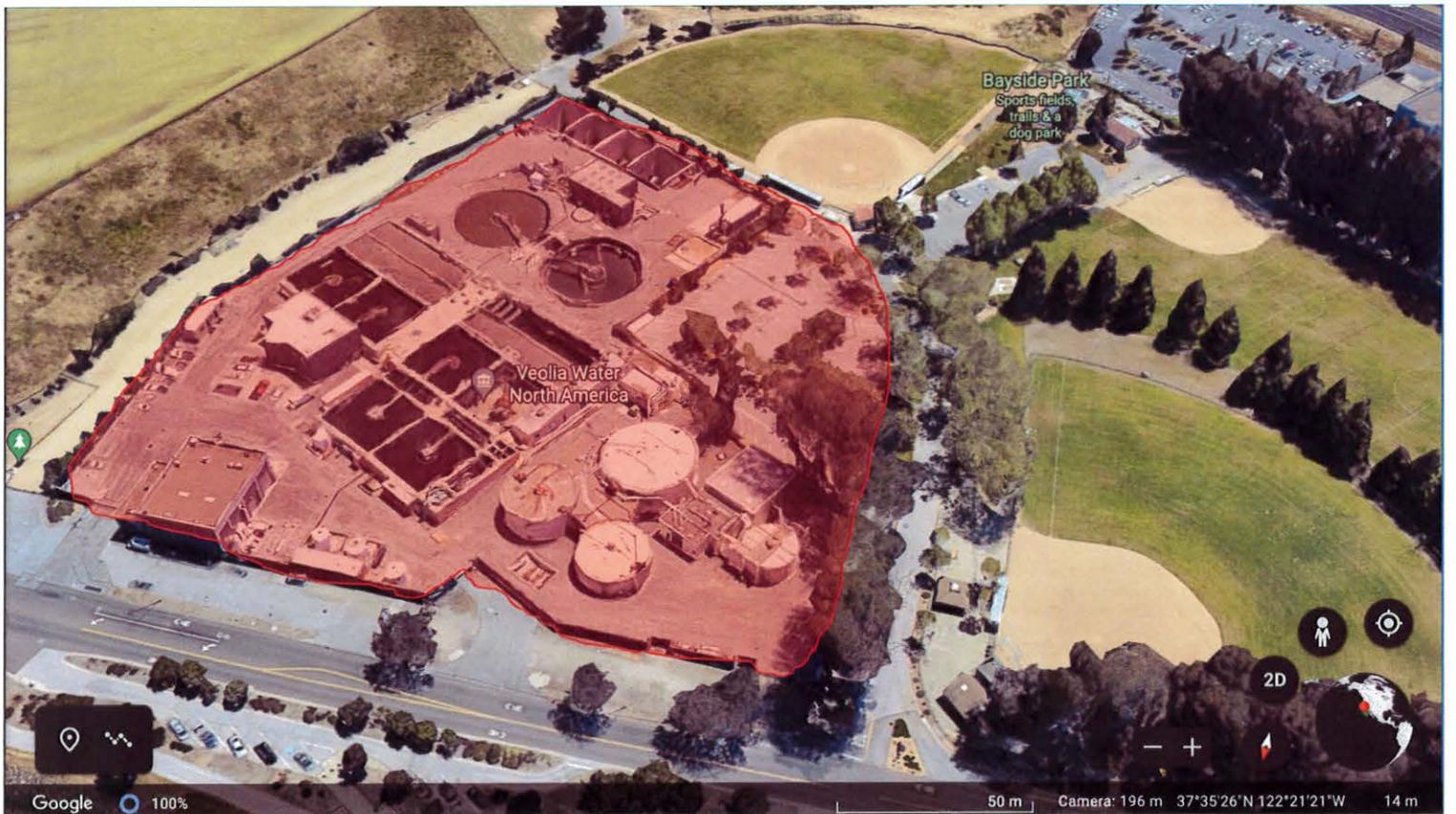


Figure 3
Proposed Project Area
City of Burlingame – 1103 Airport Boulevard



Picture 1. Wall at northwestern portion of facility to be removed for staging area and construction access. Picture taken at 37°35'29" N 122°21'27" W, facing north.



Picture 2. Tanks (left and right) and building to be removed. Picture taken at 37°35'29" N 122°21'26" W, facing south.



Picture 3. Western side of building to be removed that provides potential roosting habitat for bats. Picture taken at 37°35'29" N 122°21'27" W, facing east.



Picture 4. Southeastern side of building to be removed that provides potential roosting habitat for bats. Picture taken at 37°35'28" N 122°21'26" W, facing northwest.



Picture 5. Opening that occurs along the top of the building to be removed. Most of the openings are covered with screens; however, some are open and could provide access for roosting bats or nesting birds. Picture taken at 37°35'28" N 122°21'26" W, facing northwest.



Picture 6. Proposed location of reconstructed tanks and building. Picture taken at 37°35'81" N 122°21'27" W, facing northwest.